

## NATIONAL OFFICERS WILL MEET APRIL 20

### OHIO UNIT NAMES HEADS AT MEETING

#### FATHER KAISER GIVES MAIN TALK AT BANQUET OF OHIO ALUMNI UNIT

St. ANTHONY, O.—Albin L. Hemmert, '12-'13, was elected president of the Midwestern Ohio Chapter, at a brief business meeting, after the banquet here March 9.

More than 200 persons attended the alumni dinner in the new St. Anthony of Padua school.

The Rev. George Pax, C.P.P.S., '04-'11, pastor of St. Anthony's gave the address of welcome. A. H. Knapke, '98-'02, was the toastmaster.

The principal address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Edwin Kaiser, C.P.P.S., '09-'14, professor of philosophy at St. Charles' Seminary.

Talks were also given by the Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president of St. Joseph's; Coach Joe Dienhart, and Jerre Haugh, '18-'19, member of the national executive board.

Movies of St. Joe activities were shown by the Rev. Clement Falter, C.P.P.S.

#### Brother Fidelis Dies (BULLETIN)

CARTHAGENA, O.—Brother Fidelis Baker was buried in the Community cemetery here, Wednesday morning, April 2. The former St. Joe College prefect died unexpectedly Sunday night.

Brother Fidelis was born October 17, 1870, in Delphi, Ind. He was professed in the Society of the Precious Blood in 1892.

He went to St. Joseph's early in the century, and remained to serve as study hall and dormitory prefect for approximately

### THEY SET JUBILEE STAGE



The clergy, in opening St. Joseph's Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, April 30, will partake in a program arranged by the following members of the Golden Jubilee committee: Left to right, the Rev. Dr. Walter Pax, C.P.P.S., '18-'23; the Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Kenkel, C.P.P.S., '07-'13; the Rev. Dr. Anthony Paluszak, C.P.P.S., '09-'15; the Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., '14-'20; the Rev. Ilcephonse Rapp, C.P.P.S., '93-'00, and Edward Fischer, '28-'34. The program will open with a Solemn High Mass at 9:30 a. m. Next will come the blessing of the new residence halls. A banquet will be held at 1 p. m. A joint celebration for laymen and clergy will be arranged for Alumni Day, and a special laymen's celebration is to be scheduled for fall.

### Grad Launches Chapel Project

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Through the influence of the Very Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, '96-'02, Chief of United States Army Chaplains, religious worship in the Army will be taken out of improvised buildings and the open fields in a historic construction program that will provide 604 chapels in camps and stations throughout the nation.

Never before in the history of the Army has there been such an undertaking. The War Department announced that \$12,816,880 has been appropriated to build these chapels within six months.

### Alumnus Praises Alaskan Winter

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—If any alumnus intends to take a vacation trip to Alaska, he should take it in the winter," said the Rev. James P. Snead, '28-'29.

"At that time of the year, Alaska is very beautiful. Of course, it is very nice in summer too, but in winter you see the real Alaska."

Father Snead is chaplain of the new Catholic Providence Hospital, in Anchorage. On week-ends he visits his missions. The famous Matanuska Valley is his main mission.

"We have a very beautiful log

### GRAD HEADS WILL DISCUSS DRIVE FUTURE

#### FIELDHOUSE FUND RISES TO \$25,000 MARKER, ONE THIRD WAY TO GOAL

National officers of the St. Joseph College Alumni Association will meet Sunday, April 20, in Collegeville.

Main business on hand will be to outline the future of the fieldhouse drive, and to select a definite date and make plans for Alumni Day.

The drive, which was allowed to die down because of the inclement weather of winter, will get new momentum shortly after Easter.

At the end of March, the alumni reached the \$25,000 mark, one third of the distance to the goal.

### Decatur Alumni Meet In Honolulu

HONOLULU.—One St. Joe alumnus, from Decatur, Ill., was surprised and thrilled to meet two St. Joe alumni, from Decatur, Ill., in Hawaii.

Pvt. William C. Storey, of Casual Detachment, 18th Air Base, Wheeler Field; Pvt. L. L. Bechler, of 11th Bombing group, Hickam Field, and Pvt. Charles P. Sweet, 47th Pursuit Squadron F., Wheeler Field, met by accident somewhere in Hawaii.

All three alumni were enrolled at St. Joseph's last year.

Charles Cowl, '16-'19, works for the Steel Workers Organiza-

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## He's A Big Man

It takes a big man like the Very Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, '96-'02, to do the big things he is doing.

The Chief of the United States Army Chaplains has 1,200 chaplains under him, and will have 300 more by July 1. Even though he is head over heels in work making assignments, he found time to use his influence for a \$12,816,880 government project which will build 604 army chapels. (See story on page one).

A War Department bulletin, in discussing the chapel project, observed: "In this program is reflected the Army's concern for the moral welfare and spiritual training of the trainee and its recognition of the spiritual qualities of true military character. It is part of the Army's determination to fulfill its duty to God as well as to country."

"Like the church or chapel in the home community, the Army chapel will be a focal point of influence. In camp it will provide the soldiers, their relatives and their friends with a comforting point of orientation relating the military environment of the soldier to that of his civilian status."

Monsignor Arnold is the first Catholic priest ever to hold the office of Chief of Army Chaplains. His appointment was made by President Roosevelt and approved by the Senate in August, 1937. In military procedure he ranks as colonel.

## Let's Keep Breaking Records

The nation's defense program is absorbing several million young men. A good percentage of college age youths will be drafted. Besides there are those young men, and there are probably quite a few of them, who are willing to abandon their ideals of an education to grab one of the many jobs held out to them.

St. Joseph's enrollment will suffer next fall, unless the alumni double their efforts in talking St. Joe to prospective students. Alumni can do a lot of good by making contacts for the college. That was proven in a survey made by the Rev. Clement Falter. In a questionnaire, he asked the current crop of St. Joe men why they happened to come to Collegeville. The results showed that the work done by the alumni bore the most fruit.

While most institutions of higher learning were showing a decrease in enrollment last fall, St. Joe set a new all-time student record. The alumni can help set another

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## Please Read This

Even though you don't read anything else in this issue, please read the following paragraphs.

Some alumni still have the false impression that St. Joseph's is strictly a preparatory seminary. Many former students have the idea that their alma mater is yet a junior college.

Here is the setup: There are three distinct units at St. Joseph's—the senior college, the minor seminary for young men of the Society of the Precious Blood and for a few secular students, and the high school.

The senior college confers the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Science, and is accredited by the state as a college for teacher training.

On the campus are young men who are directing their studies toward a life's work of teaching, law, medicine, dentistry, business administration, journalism, coaching, etc.

St. Joseph's has the following departments: Religion, Philosophy and Education, English, Classical Languages, Modern Foreign Languages, Science and Mathematics, Social Sciences, Physical Education, and Music.

If you're interested in a catalog, write to the Dean of Studies.

## Force Us to Stay News

This issue has so many Army stories in it that it will remind veterans of the *Stars and Stripes*, official newspaper for the A. E. F.

These Army news stories are merely an outcropping of CONTACT'S policy to be timely. Last year when the census was being taken nationally, the alumni office sponsored a census of its own and published the result in an Alumni Directory.

However, the policy of timeliness can thrive only if each alumnus is willing to cooperate by sending in news items.

## Phase Carries History

Phase will be more than a yearbook, it will be a history of St. Joseph's in word and picture. Any alumnus who gets this book is sure to find it one of the most prized volumes in his library.

Any alumnus who wishes to order a book, the cost will be \$4, may do so by writing to Robert Sacksteder, business manager. However, the alumni who wished to have their names on the patron's list have signified their desire by sending \$5 for a copy of the book that will be published next month.

## Transfers to Perth Amboy

The Rev. Richard Baird, C.P.P.S., '32-'35, was recently transferred from North Plainfield, N. J., to St. Mary's rectory, Perth Amboy, N. J.

## Last June's Grad in Army

Pvt. Frank Hodous, '34-'40, is with the 7th

## THE ROUNDUP

by

Coach Joe Dienhart

OUR SETUP in physical education may not be very clear in your mind. You may have found yourself wondering who coaches what teams. The lineup is something like this:

DICK SCHARF takes charge of the back-field in football, the academy in basketball, and the academy and college varsities in baseball.

HENRY KOSALKO is line coach during football season, freshman coach during basketball season, and along about this time of year he is busy with the football varsity's spring training.

FATHER EDWARD ROOF is coach of the tennis team.

JACK MILLER, of Rensselaer, is coach of the boxing team.

JOE DIENHART is head coach during football season, and college varsity coach during basketball season. Between the acts he works on arranging schedules.

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WE OFFER a complete course in physical education which leads to the degree of Bachelor of Science. Among the courses taught by the department are: Introductory Biology, Physiology of Exercise, Personal Hygiene and First Aid, Principles of Physical Education, Applied Anatomy, Organization and Administration of Secondary School Athletics and Physical Education Programs, Intramural Programs.

## Invites Alumni To Prom

Through the medium of this publication, Robert Duax, president of the Monogram Club, extends an invitation to alumni to attend the organization's fifth annual formal.

Art Kassel and his "Kassels in the Air" will play for the dance which is to be held Saturday night, April 26, in the Rensselaer

## Capt. Toth Pilots United Airliner

CHICAGO.—Steve Toth, '27-'29, has won his wings as a first officer for United Air Lines and is flying the Chicago-New York run.

After leaving St. Joe, Capt. Toth worked as a riveter with the Great Lakes Shipping Co., in his home town, Toledo.

He later enrolled at Northwestern where he won fame as an All-American fullback. After being graduated from that institution in '37, he continued his medical studies at the University of Missouri. Later he accepted a position as physical education instructor at a Canadian university, where he planned to get his M. D. However, the war interfered with his plans, and Steve enlisted in the U. S. Navy Corps in 1939.

He now lives in Evanston, where he supplements his flying income by tutoring at Northwestern. In addition, he is continuing his medical studies at the University of Chicago.

## Leon Ritter "Typical Student" Tells of Activities in Alabama

After the editors of *Pha-e*, St. Joe College yearbook, had decided to use the Golden Jubilee as a theme, they made plans to divide the book into decades. They shuffled through old photos to find students whose appearance labeled them as "typical" of their day. They arranged to run the picture of a typical student along with the photos of each decade.

CONTACT now presents the story of the man the editors selected as the "typical student" of the decade just past—Leon (Peanuts) Ritter, '27-'33.

### HE CAME FROM PADUCAH

When Peanuts shuffled up from Paducah Ky., toward the close of the Terrible Twenties, he wouldn't have weighed a hundred pounds carrying a set of *Encyclopedia Britannica*. His personality coupled with his Ohio River drawl soon made his name a household word all the way from the south orchard to the north campus, and from the dairy barn on the west to the old Indian school on the east.

Peanuts was a joiner. He took

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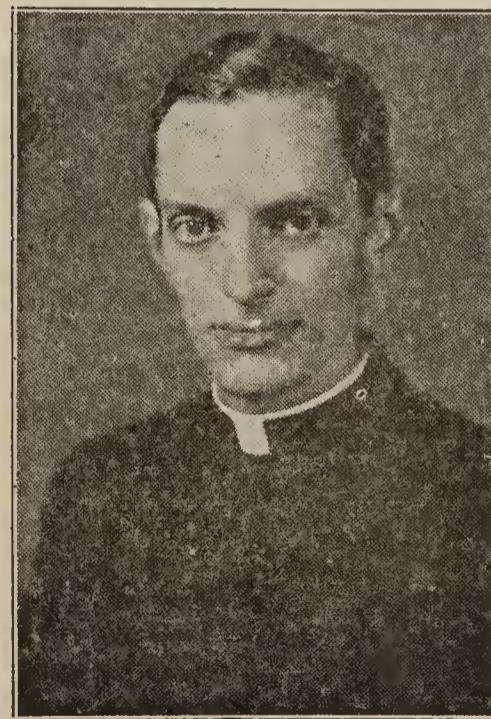


LEON RITTER

## THREE ASSISTANT PASTORS OF CLASS OF '34



REV. VICTOR KREINBRINK



REV. FRANK WARD



REV. VAL VOLIN

Word of three members of the class of '34, now all ordained, has come into the Alumni Office recently. The Rev. Victor Kreinbrink, C.P.P.S., is assistant at Holy Angels Church, Dayton, O. The Rev. Frank Ward, assistant of St. Mary's, Whitesville, Ky., has been confined to the hospital since suffering serious injuries in an auto wreck last October. He is at St. Joseph's Hospital, Louisville. The Rev. Valerian Volin, C.P.P.S., is assistant at Our Lady of the Snows Church, Clarks Summit, Pa. Several eastern grads get together for miniature alumni meetings at Clarks Summit. (Photos courtesy of

## Alumni Report News From Army

Here are bits of Army news that trickled into the Alumni Office recently:

Pvt. Theodore Wilk, '34-'37, is with Co. B, 5th Signal Battalion, Fort Monmouth, Red Band, N. J.

Pvt. Robert Gutting, a graduate of the class of '40, is with Co. A, 60th Training Battalion, Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas.

The Rev. F. J. Westendorf, '24-'27, is chaplain with the 113th Engineers, Camp Shelby, Miss.

Lieut. Francis J. Matthews, '26-'29, is testing bombers at Langley Field, Va.

Pvt. Norbert Dreiling, a graduate of the class of '38, is puzzling over surveying problems with the 127th Field Artillery, 35th Division, Camp Joseph Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.

James L. Conner, '25-'30, went into the Army recently. The Alumni Office has not yet been informed of where he has been stationed. He had a hunch it would be Fort Bliss, Tex., according to information received from the Rev. Cletus Dirksen, C.P.P.S., '25-'26, Washington, D. C.

## Works For Newspaper

JOLIET, ILL.—John Phelan, '38-'39, has been with the sports staff of the *Herald-News* since leaving St. Joe. He is also attending Northwestern night school.

Mr. Phelan hopes to attend the Monogram Formal this year, because it is being held on April 26, his birthday.

## Visit California Grad

FREMONT, O.—Mr. and Mrs. William B. Ketterer, of this city, vacationed in California in January. While there, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Max Toner, of Eagle Rock. Mr. Toner, a Los Angeles detective, and Mr. Ketterer, proprietor of Ketterer's Service Station, were both enrolled at St. Joe in '09.

## Missionary Returns

Lawrence Westhoven, '11-'13, (now Father William, C. P.) returned to this country Feb. 8. He is at the Passionists' Mother House in Boston. He is expected to visit in Detroit in a few days. Father Westhoven has been a missionary in Chihkiang Hunan, China.

# Life Holds Few Dull Moments for Officer of South Bend Chapter

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—The life of Frederick G. Coffield, '07-'09, president of the Bankers Discount Corporation, has been as varied as the patterns of patchwork quilts.

The treasurer of the local alumni chapter gave Dowagiac, Mich., as his home town when he filled out his enrollment blank at St. Joseph's. In the space reserved for the date of birth he wrote, March 11, 1891.

## HEADED SOUTHWARD

After leaving Collegeville, he took a post-graduate course in business administration in Louisville, Ky. He tucked his diploma under his arm in 1912, headed for Ripley, Tenn., where he took a position as depot clerk for the Illinois Central Railroad.

The St. Joe alumnus rolled into South Bend, in 1913, where he and an old friend, with whom he had learned the fish tackle manufacturing business in high school days, started out on their own. A year later, they accepted positions with the newly organized South Bend Bait Company, which is now the largest of its kind in the world. After having been frozen out by not having sufficient capital, they put all thoughts of fishing tackle from their minds.

Mr. Coffield joined the South Bend Ford dealer, in 1915, as a

salesman of the old Model T. During the same year he accepted a better position selling the first Studebaker car, then called the E. M. F.

## JOINED ARMY

The wholesale and retail cigar business claimed the St. Joe alumnus' time in 1916. He sold out when he joined the Army for World War I.

After attending the first Officers' Training School, he took the regular Army exams and was admitted as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and Machine Gunner. He served overseas with the Fourth Division Regulars; was with the British in May, 1918, at the Channel ports and was with the French at Chateau-Thierry. He was decorated; joined the All American Army, and was retired August 14, 1919, because of wounds received in action.

Alumnus Coffield accepted the management of a South Bend finance company in 1921, and remained with that organization for four years. He organized, in 1925, the Bankers Discount Corporation, which specialized in automobile financing, refinancing, and loans.

## TYPICAL STUDENT TELLS OF ACTIVITIES IN 'BAMA

(Continued from Page Three) part in Newman Club and C. L. S. plays; he was active in the Raleigh Club initiation, and he put on weight and starred in intra-class sports. When St. Joseph's resumed intercollegiate competition, in Peanuts' senior year, he turned his talents to the duties of manager.

That word manager stuck to his name. He is now manager of the Spradling Seat Cover Co., Inc., 103 South 21st Street, Birmingham, Ala. He has been with that firm since August, 1939.

## TAKES TO AIR

As an extra-curricular activity, Alumnus Ritter announced for Spradling's Rhythm Rhapsody program every week day morning from 7:30 until 7:45 over WSGN.

Peanuts is the father of a three-year-old daughter, and an eleven-months-old Junior.

The former "typical student" is trying to find an alumnus who

is willing to go in partnership to buy out the Spradling Co.

"The boss is getting tired of having two places of business to oversee. It doesn't leave him enough time to enjoy life," said Ritter. "We have about \$2,450 worth of stock and fixtures on hand. I can buy it for \$2,000. The business was created four years ago and has never lost a dime. I have ways figured out to buy my half of it, but I need someone for the other half."

## MSGR. ARNOLD STARTS ARMY CHAPEL PROJECT

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In appearance they will look like the typical small church found in every community in America—the slant-roofed, frame building with steeple at the front.

Other statistics on the chapels show that they will cost \$21,220 each, will have seats for 400 soldiers, and will each have an electric organ.

## AWAITS CALL



REV. GILBERT ESSER

One member of the St. Joe faculty who is practically certain to be called to service in a few months is the Rev. Gilbert Esser, C.P.P.S., '12-'18.

The reserve chaplain is keeping his fingers crossed, and is hoping that he is not called into service before June. Should he leave now, his year of training would break up two scholastic years; whereas if he is not called until summer, only one scholastic year will be affected.

With what outfit Father ESSER will serve, and where he will be stationed is still a question mark as far as he is concerned. He is reserve chaplain for the 327th Field Artillery, a regiment that is not being recruited up.

## Father Lefko Casts Alumni in Drama

WHITING, Ind.—The program was crowded with the names of St. Joe men when the St. John C. Y. O. Drama Club presented "Catherine the Valiant," Sunday night, March 30, in the Whiting Community Center.

The Rev. John Lefko, C.P.P.S., '27-'32, was director of the five-act religious-historical drama for the organization that was twice winner of the Diocesan One Act Play Contest.

Paul Monastyrski, '34-'36, who placed second in the Hammond Deanery C. Y. O. Oratory Contest, carried the lead role. John Paylo, '37-'39, and William Curosh, '34-'40, were cast in important parts.

Edward Kasper, '37-'38, former stage manager at St. Joe, is president of the club.

## Chaplain Lauds Hawaiian Peace

HAWAII—The Rev. Lawrence P. Schmieder, '25-'26, chaplain on the U. S. S. Pensacola now at Pearl Harbor, is sold on Hawaii.

"Hawaii is probably the most beautiful spot in the world," said the naval chaplain. "If a person doesn't crave a lot of excitement and artificial entertainment, he can relax and enjoy himself on this isle of heavenly bliss. However, many of the naval and military men and civilian workers find the fever of excitement so typical of the U. S. missing. That makes them unhappy. They are tuned to a feverish pitch, and when they return to something of a normal life they immediately start brooding."

"Hawaii is now a focal point of our defense scheme. Cameras are forbidden here. All photographic equipment has to be checked with the ship or shore authorities when in this vicinity. Quite a bit of the U. S. Navy is out here. All ship movements and ship destinations are incomparable knowledge. Often there are sealed orders, which means not even the captain knows where he is going until he is well out to sea."

"Where we will be in the near future one can never tell. Probably no one knows. That will probably be dictated by the turn of events."

## ALUMNUS PRAISES ALASKAN WINTERS

(Continued From Page One) church at Mananuska Valley," said the St. Joe alumnus. "It is really a show place for tourists."

"I also have a mission at the Government Native Eskimo School at Eklutna, Alaska. My work there is very, very interesting. This may be news to you, but I find the Eskimo students to be very bright youngsters. It is a real pleasure to work with them. My big surprise came when I went there on my mission and learned that Eskimo students know their prayers very well. Most of the Eskimos come from Point Barrow, Nome, and other extreme points of Alaska."

## Ft. Wayne Unit to Meet

The Fort Wayne Chapter will probably hold a meeting sometime during the week of April 20, according to an announcement of Ed Fennell, '32-'33.